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COMMENTARY

Voter Turnout: A National Embarassment

The United States regularly embarrasses itself with statistics measuring how many Americans fail to vote or even to register. Turnout has declined for five consecutive presidential elections. The Bureau of the Census counts approximately 48 million citizens of voting age who are not registered.

North Carolina has cause to be embarrassed, too. It ranks only 27th among states in the percentage of citizens registered. Only 45.8 percent of the North Carolinians of voting age went to the polls in the 1980 election to choose a president, a governor and a U.S. senator.

There is, then, sound reason for the state Board of Elections to mount a major voter registration drive and to seek to lower some of the barriers to citizens' participation. Reputable surveys have found that regulations making voter registration difficult account for 10 percent to 20 percent of the lack of participation.

Although registration is in theory neutral as to party, high partisan stakes nevertheless exist in this drive. That has already been signaled by a bit of sparring between the Democratic majority on the elections board and the state chairman of the Republican Party.

Blacks tend to be under-registered. According to Robert Spearman, elections board chairman, fewer than 50 percent of the non-whites in 64 counties are registered. To the extent that blacks have remained almost solidly loyal to Democratic candidates, getting more blacks to register a to vote likely will benefit the Democratic Party.

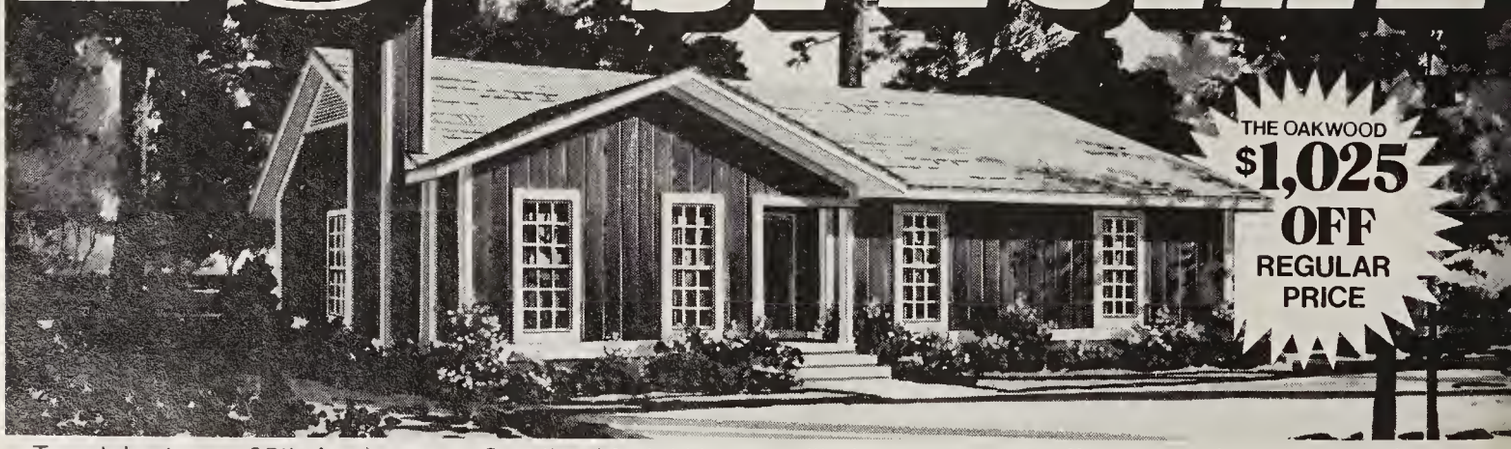
Another group that tends to lag in voter registration a participation is young people. When the franchise w extended to 18- to 20-year-olds in the 1972 president election, overall national turnout dropped by fi percentage points. Only 44.7 percent of 18- to 20-year-ol are registered. Young people tend to follow their parer politically, at least initially. Thus, to the extent that the so and daughters or Republicans register, a drive could sw the ranks of the GOP.

But for a member of one party to criticize a vot registration drive on grounds that it may work to th advantage of another party is to suggest that the franchi should be limited to certain classes. To its credit, th elections board campaign appears balanced, with ne voters to be sought at schools as well as at shopping cente and neighborhood meetings.

Of course, some hotly contested elections in whi people get a feeling that their vote really matters would d wonders for participation. But, in the meantime, an effort have county elections boards make registration as easy possible should attact both Republican and Democrat support. Both parties have a stake in wiping away th embarrassment.

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VIEWPOINT

A Question of Fairness

Adapted from remarks by James M. Hubbard, executive vice president of the North Carolina statewide organization of electric co-ops, at the organization's 1982 Annual Meeting.

The rural electric program was created by an administration which saw a vast unmet need for light and power across a dark nation. It was a nation in those days where rural people were denied economic and technological equality with their city cousins.

Yet this idea that the public good can be served through a partnership between government and the people has, in recent days, become an unpopular slogan.

It seems to me that a democracy's basic test is at least an attempt at fairness, and current national fiscal policy fails to meet the test of fairness.

According to the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on taxation, AT&T will receive tax breaks worth at least $40 billion during the 1980s. Next in line are the oil companies, which will receive as much as $100 billion in tax cuts over this decade.

In 1980, the nation's investor-owned utilities collected $4.1 billion from their ratepayers for the payment of federal income taxes. The amount actually paid to the Treasury by the utilities was far less, having been reduced in two ways:

- A direct credit against taxes due is provided by the investment tax credit, which is based on a percentage of purchases of new machinery and equipment. This amounted to a cash subsidy to the utilities of $1 billion in 1980.
- Although the utilities use straight-line depreciation for the purpose of setting rates, they use a higher "accelerated" depreciation when it comes time to pay taxes. This benefit reduced the companies' net tax liability by $2 billion in 1980.

The investment tax credit is equivalent to an outright grant, while accelerated depreciation represents an interest-free loan from the government.

As a result of these legitimate tax reductions, the utilities collected $4 billion from their customers for the payment of taxes in 1980, but paid the Treasury only $1 billion.

Meanwhile, the utilities' tax benefits were expanded significantly in the 1981 Economic Tax Recovery Act. It will effectively eliminate the remaining tax liability of the private power companies and increase the use of untapped tax credits by permitting their applicaiton in future years or the sale of the credits for cash.

Another feature of this act, which applies solely to the investor-owned utilities, is a tax break for stockholders who accept stock in lieu of dividends. This means a utility can provide stock value at up to $1,500 to joint stockholders instead of a cash dividend. Unlike the dividend, the stock would not be considered taxable income to the stockholders when it is received.

This procedure will cut Treasury revenues by an estimated $328 million a year.

These forms of federal assistance to the investor-owned electric systems, then, run to an estimated $4 billion a year, but the rural electric co-ops receive assistance totaling only $85 million a year. That's a ratio of 35 to 1 in favor of the private companies.

Under these circumstances, I simply do not understand how the public interest can be served by increasing subsidies to the investor-owned systems while simultaneously reducing access to insured and guaranteed loans or electric co-ops, as the administration proposes. These loans do not come from tax revenues and do not impact the federal budget.

We are being told that the current economic program is designed to reduce the growth of federal spending, control federal tax rates, reduce federal regulations and encourage stable monetary policy.

That's fine, but penalizing the self-help rural electric program does not, in my judgment, help to reach those goals. In fact, it has the direct opposite effect by driving money costs even higher—if, in fact, capital for rural areas can be acquired at any price.

These steps would inevitably mean that service would suffer and rates would climb even faster than they do now.

The real victims, of course, would be the co-op consumer-members who, for nearly a half-century, have counted on the electric cooperatives to meet their needs at costs they can afford to pay.

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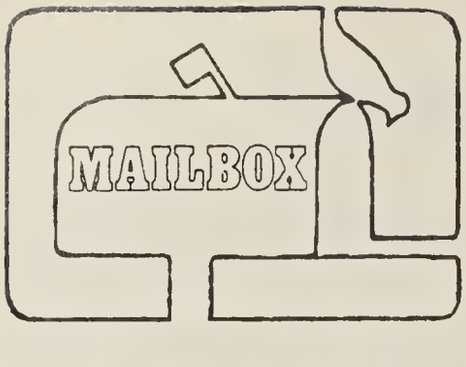
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Editorial's Author "Needs To Brush Up On High School Science"

The author of your February "Commentary" on wood heat needs to brush up on high school science.

Carbon dioxide overloading, or the "greenhouse effect," is certainly cause for study and concern. However, the writer must have forgotten that the carbon dioxide from burning wood becomes food for other trees. As lo as the harvested trees are replace there is no steady buildup of carb dioxide.

As for the deaths and injuries fr wood heat, the author claims there i double standard compared to nucle power. There certainly is, and for go reason.

Wood heat places the responsibil directly on those who choose to use Stoves must be properly installed a operated; chimneys must be cleane Those of us who use wood heat a responsible for our own safety. V accept this.

With nuclear power, it's a differe story. It's as though we are forced ride every day with a driver who h near-miss after near-miss, wh sometimes has the car (the pow plant) go out of control, and who h wrecked several "cars" already. Th "driver" has even cheated on his exa at one nuclear plant! Yet we are told sit back and enjoy the ride—and v cannot get out of the car.

These risks are not direct comparable. Turning one of th author's examples around, suppo that a single major wood-heat accide could cause tens of thousands deaths and billions of dollars property damage. Suppose that woo ash stayed highly radioactive f thousands of years, or th woodcutters got lung cancer at th same rate as uranium miners. To us the author's words, "can you imagin the state" of wood heat if this wer true?

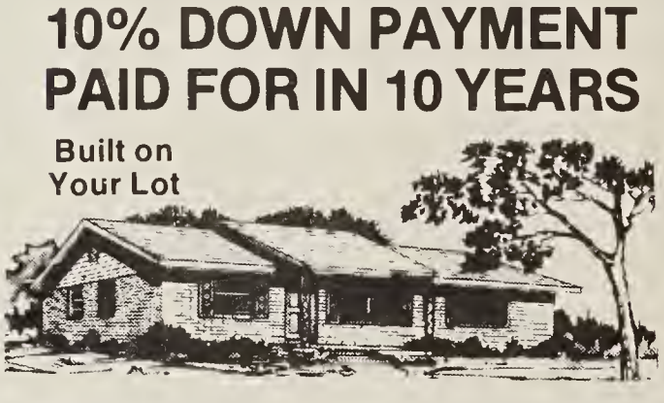
Finally, there was a reactor accide in which "three or more persons died. It happened near Idaho Falls o January 3, 1961, when a test reacto exploded. The nuclear industr doesn't seem to talk much about it. N wonder.

David Spice
Rt. 1, Canto

The accident at Idaho Falls, whic claimed four lives, occurred at military installation durin experiments which had nothing to d with commercial nuclear powe generation, according to officials o the Atomic Industrial Forum. The said the safety procedures used in th test were not nearly as strict as those i force in the nuclear industry today There have been no deaths due to reactor accident at a commercia nuclear plant, they added.

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Phillips Named To New Extension Post

Dr. Joseph A. Phillips has been named assistant director for community and rural development for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

The Tennessee native previously served the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development as head of its Division of Land Resources. He was an extension specialist in Iowa for 10 years before coming to North Carolina in 1968.

Phillips is the first to hold the new assistant director's post, which was developed as a means of improving the transfer of technology from the universities to the communities, according to State Extension Director Chester D. Black.

With the addition of this position, the state director now oversees four assistant directors. The others are in agriculture, home economics and 4-H.

EMC Safety Programs Get Accreditations

Five of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations have been qualified for accreditation of their employee safety programs by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The EMCs receiving their first accreditation certificates are Union EMC, Monroe and Harkers Island EMC.

Three other EMCs which received re-accreditations are Albemarle EMC, Hertford; Brunswick EMC, Shallotte and Four County EMC, Burgaw.

Ashe County Girl Wins Scholarship

An Ashe County girl has been named recipient of a $1,000 scholarship award presented by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives and the women's committees of the state's electric co-ops.

Diane Denise Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown of West Jefferson, received the Rural Electric Youth Tour Scholarship during ceremonies at the 1982 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations.



For more annual meeting coverage, see pages 8-11.

Miss Brown, a senior at Ashe Central High School who plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill, was selected for the award from among participants in the 1981 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

The week-long tour is sponsored by the statewide EMC organization.

Miss Brown represented Blue Ridge EMC, Lenior, on the tour.

Ten EMC Directors Elected To New Terms

Ten incumbent directors have been re-elected to the boards of three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations at recent EMC annual meetings:

- **South River EMC,** Dunn—Re-elected were Charles Collier of Rt. 1 Linden; Ralph Johnson of Rt. 1, Roseboro and Francis Clifton, Rt. 1, Faison.
- **Jones-Onslow EMC,** Jacksonville—Re-elected were Fletcher Barber of Trenton, H.G. Phillips of Jacksonville, Percy Jenkins of Rt. 1,

Home Folks

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. and **Mrs. Gladys M. Allison** of Cleveland, a retired school teacher, have been named the state's outstanding 4-H alumni for 1982. The selections were based on public service and community leadership, continuing interest in and service to the 4-H program and evidence of success in their professions. . . . Five outstanding journalists have been inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame, a project of the UNC-CH School of Journalism. They are: the late **O.J. (Skipper) Coffin,** who served for a number of years as dean and professor in the Journalism School; **Clifton Daniel**, a UNC-CH graduate and former associate editor of the *New York Times;* **Tom Lassiter**, former editor and publisher of the *Smithfield Herald* and **Donald Shoemaker,** a UNC-CH graduate and former editor of the *Miami Herald* . . . **Dr. T. Carlton Blalock,** retired director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, has been named executive vice president of the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina. Blalock, who retired after a 30-year career in extension, operates a tobacco farm in Wilson County. Five of the state's agricultural extension agents with tobacco responsibilities have been awarded "Excellence in Tobacco Extension" honors for their work in stressing production of quality leaf at low cost. The $3,000 awards, sponsored jointly by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and the extension service, went to **C.T. Dean Jr.,** Franklin County; **Frank M. Greene,** Rockingham County; **Kenneth T. Patterson,** Alexander County; **James R. Pearce,** Edgecombe County and **Kenneth R. Reeves,** Buncombe. Dean and Green are extension chairmen as well as tobacco agents. **Joel Henry Davis Jr.** of Rt. 2, Newport, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City. He succeeds **Gordon Becton** of Rt. 2, Newport, who retired from the board because of illness. A veteran of 12 years on the board, he served for a number of years on the board of the statewide EMC organization and was its president for a one-year term.

Sneads Ferry and Billie Jean Jones of Rt. 1, Maysville.

• **Wake EMC,** Wake Forest—J. Howard Conyers of Rt. 1, Franklinton; Newman I. Bailey of Wake Forest and Dan E. Woody of Rt. 3, Oxford.

State Offers New Solar Energy Guide

The Energy Division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce is now offering copies of a booklet on solar energy titled *Sunbook: A Guide to Solar Energy in North Carolina.*

The 39-page guide was prepared with funds from the Southern Solar Energy Center.

It includes chapters on active and passive solar systems, solar heating, passive cooling techniques, solar heaters and sources of additional information.

To obtain a copy of the booklet, write to Energy Division, N.C. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 25249, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 or call the division's toll-free line Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. That number is (800)662-7131.

Cover: Wild Hyacinth In Northhampton County

This close-up view of a camassia scilliodes, or wild hyacinth, was shot by professional photographer William Albert Allard of Sommerset, Va., in an area of Northhampton County known as Camassia Slopes.

The beautiful wildflower is one of more than two dozen species of endangered or rare wildflowers that are found on the slopes.

The area is included in a 176-acre woodlands tract which Union Camp Corporation has given to the Nature Conservancy, a national conservation organization, for preservation.

For more of Allard's photos from Camassia Slopes and a story about the area, see pages 18-19.

May 22 RiverSpree Has Showboat Theme

A hang gliding demonstration, square dance demonstrations, and a showboat production by the College of the Albermarle Satyrs will be highlights of the 1982 RiverSpree at Elizabeth City, May 22.

The festival, which is sponsored by the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, an arts and crafts show, a boat show, a magician, a puppet show and water skiing demonstrations.

The showboat theme for the RiverSpree takes its inspiration from the James Adams Floating Theater, a floating theater which made its winter home in Elizabeth City.

The boat traveled the waterways of the Atlantic seaboard from 1913 until 1941.

Extension Home Economics History Book Available

The North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association is now offering a book tracing the history of the extension home economics in each of the state's 100 counties and the Cherokee reservation.

Titled, *And That's The Way It Was—1920-80,* the book is available at $8 apiece.

To order a copy, write to State Agent Ada Dalla Pozza, N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, NCSU, Raleigh, N.C. 27650.

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Randolph EMC Manager Takes N.C. AEC Reins

The manager of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, has been elected to the top leadership post in the North Carolina statewide organization of EMCs.

Bob L. McDuffie was elected president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, the statewide trade association serving all 28 of the state's EMCs.

McDuffie, who has been manager of Randolph EMC since 1977, has held a number of other leadership posts in the EMC organization over the past five years.

Also elected N.C.AEC officers were John L. Austin, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, vice president and Earl F. Shoaf, manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest, secretary-treasurer.

Austin, president of the Blue Ridge EMC board, has served on that board since 1970.

Shoaf, a former manager of the statewide's central purchasing and materials supply operation, has been manager at Wake EMC for the past two years.



McDuffie
President



Austin
Vice-Pres.



Shoaf
Sec.-Treas.

Co-op Managers Get New N.C. EMC Terms

The managers of three Electric Membership Corporations have been re-elected as officers of the North Carolina statewide organization's power generating and transmission operation.

Serving new terms as officers are:

- Donald D. Rice, manager of Crescent EMC, Statesville, president.
- Marvin O. Marshall, manager of South River EMC, Dunn, vice-president.
- Philip L. Wally, manager of Union EMC, Monroe, secretary-treasurer.

Rice is a veteran of 35 years in the Tar Heel rural electric program, having begun his career with Pamlico-Beaufort EMC, Grantsboro, before that co-op became part of Tideland EMC, Pantego.

Marshall, who has been manager of South River EMC since 1968, is a past president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Wally, a former district manager at Crescent EMC, has been Union EMC's manager since 1978.



Rice
President



Marshall
Vice-Pres.



Wally
Sec.-Treas.



Budget

Calling the Reagan administration' budget-making process "a sham," a official of the National Rural Electri Cooperative Association (NRECA) ha urged Tar Heel rural electric leaders t agressively join the debat surrounding that process.

NRECA Director of Governmen Relations John Davenport said th administration's proposed budget isn' adequate to cover governmen operations because it serves merely a the focal point for a series of "games' the White House and Congress play over the supplemental budget.

"Nobody seems to pay much attention to what's covered by the supplemental budget. It doesn't ge many headlines," he said.

As a result, the national deficit under the proposed budget may be far higher than the $95 billion figure that's been widely discussed, Davenport said.

In fact, he added, Sen. Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) attended a national rural electric committee meeting and said "it's really more like $170 billion."

The budget-making gamesmanship, Davenport said, has given rise to administration claims about the impact of the rural electric loan program on the federal budget that "just are not so."

One of these claims is that the program adds to the national debt, he said, but "it's written into our act in so many words that the revolving loan fund and the guaranteed loan programs shall not have an effect on the national debt."





OPPOSITE—John Davenport, director of government relations for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, addresses session of 1982 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina statewide organization of EMCs.
ABOVE—Seventh District Rep. Charles Rose responds to a reporter's question following his luncheon address. RIGHT—Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. delivers keynote address at the meeting's opening session.

Process Cloaks Political "Games"

In addition, administration officials maintain that the federal government somehow pays the interest on co-op loans.

"They're just wrong. The co-ops pay the interest on those borrowings."

Davenport also argued that the administration is unfairly offering extensive tax breaks for investor-owned utilities while trying to force changes in the co-op loan program that'll drastically raise interest rates.

"We're not opposed to the investor-owned companies getting subsidies—they need them. But how can you say on the one hand that co-ops must pay higher interest on loans and the other companies should be given great gifts? It just isn't fair!"

He said many people who have a stake in the budget process hesitate to question their representatives in Congress about it in detail.

"Don't back away from the debate. It's essential even if it means disagreeing with someone for whom you have great respect."

Echoing Davenport's call for Tar Heel co-op officials to challenge the administration's budget tactics were two other speakers: Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. and Seventh District Rep. Charles Rose.

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> **"We're not opposed to the investor-owned companies getting subsidies—they need them. But how can you say on the one hand that co-ops must pay higher interest on loans and the other companies should be given great gifts? It just isn't fair!"**

Columbus County Woman Heads EMC Women's Slate

A Columbus County woman has been re-elected chairman of the statewide women's organization of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

She is Anne Williamson of Rt. 1, Whiteville, a member of the Women's Committee of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Shallotte.

Also elected was Jane Patterson of Farmville, representing the Women's Committee of Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville. Her husband J.D. Patterson is manager of the co-op.

In addition, Mamie King of Rt. 1, Warrenton, a member of the Women's Committee at Halifax EMC, Enfield, was re-elected as North Carolina's representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Women's Association.

The statewide women's organization is composed of representatives of the state's 10 EMC Women's Committees, which serve as a liaison between the co-ops and their consumer-members in the areas of education and public relations.

The national organization provides a communications link between rural electric women and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and assists that Washington-based organization in planning programs affecting rural women.



Williamson
Chairman



Patterson
Vice-Chair.



King
NREWA Board

Federal Budget Process Cloaks Political "Games"

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Gov. Hunt said it's "extremely shortsighted" for the administration to curtail co-op funding sources "at this time when we're trying to rebuild this country . . . and when we're trying to insure a reliable supply of energy for today and for the years to come."

He added: "I urge you to fight for your rights and for what's necessary for your continued effective service to our people . . . I'll fight along side you!"

Rep. Rose pointed out that members of Congress must deal with mounds of mail daily as part of the "frantic" lobbying pressures they're under from various special inter groups.

That's why, he said, "the b lobbying you can do is eye-to-eye. J walk up to your elected official, lo them straight in the eye, shake th hand and tell them what's on yo mind."

Even if there are no specific issues concern, this approach will he establish valuable "personal lines communication" with the officials.

"I just can't tell you how importa that is."

By regularly following this approa with members of Congress, sta legislators and other elected officia "you can remind the politicians where they came from—and tha something they need constantl Rose said.

About 400 representatives of No Carolina's electric cooperativ attended the Annual Meeting Raleigh. Other speakers featured the meeting were Sherwood Smi president, chairman of the board a chief executive officer of Caroli Power and Light Co.: Dr. John S. Lap an associate professor in N.C. Sta University's Department of Economi and Business; Harold Hunte administrator of the Rur Electrification Administration a consumer affairs specialist Be Myerson.

Moore Elected TEMA President, NRECA Director

A director of Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation, Farmville, has been elected to two leadership posts within the statewide organization of EMCs.

Horace Moore of Snow Hill, a past president of the overall organization, was elected to his sixth term as the North Carolina representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The national association, headquartered in Washington, represents about 1,000 rural electric co-ops across the country.

Moore was also elected president of the nine-member Board of Directors of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, the statewide group's central purchasing and materials supply operation.

Other officers elected by that board were B.F. Morton, manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City, vice president and Hugh Batts of Rt. 1, Hampstead, a director of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer.

Moore, who has been on the Pitt and Greene EMC board since 1968, is executive secretary of the N.C. Fireman's Association.

Morton, who has been involved in the rural electric program for more than 30 years, has been manager at Carteret-Craven EMC since 1973.

Batts has served on the Jones-Onslow EMC board since 1967.

Prior to the election of board officers, three directors, including Moore, were elected to the board for new three-year terms.

Also elected were Philip Wally, manager of Union EMC, Monroe and Charles Collier of Rt. 1, Linden, a director of South River EMC, Dunn.

Wally, a former district manager with Crescent EMC, Statesville, has been manager of Union EMC since 1978.

Collier has been a director at South River EMC since 1965.



Moore
Dual Posts



Morton
TEMA
Vice-Pres.



Batts
TEMA
Sec.-Treas.

EMC Manager Re-elected

The manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Shallotte, has been re-elected as chairman of North Carolina's Rural Electric Action



Batten
REAP Chairman

David J. Batten of Rt. 3, Supply, will serve another one-year term in the top elective post for the political action group, which is composed of employees and directors of the state's EMCs.

Also re-elected were Ann Currin, manager of office services at Wake EMC, Wake Forest, vice chairman.

Norman (Pete) Parker, director of consumer accounting at Halifax EMC, Enfield, was elected secretary, and James Lee Burney, manager of environmental and public affairs for the statewide EMC organization, was elected treasurer.

Following her address at the women's luncheon, consumer affairs specialist Be Myerson, left, has a word with Mrs. Louis Cox of Rt. 3, Enfield. Mrs. Cox is the wife of A.C. Cox, who presided at t annual meeting as president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.





Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., left, presents a "meritorious service" award to C. W. Mayo of Rt. 1, Tarboro, in recognition of Mayo's 45 years as a director of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. Mayo has the longest record of service for an electric co-op director in North Carolina—and, perhaps, in the country.

Edgecombe Man Cited For 45 Years of EMC Service

C.W. Mayo of Rt. 1, Tarboro, has been cited by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. for his 45 years of service on the Board of Directors of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro.

Gov. Hunt paid tribute to Mayo, saying he had achieved the longest service record for an electric co-op director in North Carolina—and, perhaps, in the nation.

The governor presented Mayo with a "meritorious service" award from the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives during the 1982 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

In making the presentation, Gov. Hunt praised Mayo as an "outstanding director who has also been a part of building his community."

The 80-year-old Mayo has served on the Edgecombe-Martin County EMC board continuously since the co-op was organization in 1936. He was instrumental in organizing the co-op, which energized its first lines in 1937.

Mayo has been in the hosiery manufacturing business since he founded Mayo Knitting Mill in 1931. His two sons are now operating the mill.

A former president of the EMC board, he has served on the Edgecombe County Board of Education, the Board of Water Commissioners and was a member of the boards of Edgecombe Bank and Trust and Tarboro Savings and Loan.

Mayo, who also owns a 1,400-acre farm, is married to the former Louise Tribble of Calhoun, Ga. He has one daughter in addition to the two sons, and he has 12 grandchildren.

EMC Directors, Managers Honored

A total of 25 directors and five managers from Electric Membership Corporations across North Carolina were honored for their years of service to the rural electric program. They received plaques during a ceremony at the 1982 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

Two of the managers were recognized for 35 years of service to the program. They were Rudolph Sexton, manager of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, and Hugh A. Crigler Jr., who recently retired as manager of Davidson EMC, Lexington.

Crigler also received a special award marking his retirement at Davidson.

Other managers receiving awards were:

James Ellen, manager of Halifax EMC, Enfield, for 30 years of service; Emmett Patterson, manager of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro, 20 years and Glenn Carowan, manager of Tideland EMC, Pantego, 20 years.

Directors who received the "meritorious service" certificates, listed by EMCs, were:

Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro - C.W. Mayo of Rt. 1, Tarboro, 45 years and M.V. Scott of Pinetops, 35 years.

Central EMC, Sanford - J.P. Dalrymple of Rt. 10, Sanford, 40 years and James B. Brooks of Rt. 2, Siler City, 20 years.

Crescent EMC, Statesville - R.L. Seaford of Rt. 3, Mocksville, 40 years and J.Sidney Burris of Rt. 2, Huntersville, Jimmy R. Horton of Rt. 2, Cleveland and Eugene Dellinger of Rt. 3, Denver, all 15 years.

Haywood EMC, Waynesville - The late Roy B. Medford of Rt. 4, Waynesville, 40 years and Jack Harris of Rt. 2, Clyde, 30 years.

Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City - Gordon K. Laughton of Morehead City, 35 years.

Brunswick EMC, Shallotte - C.D. Branch of Evergreen, 35 years.

Halifax EMC, Enfield - G.W. King of Rt. 1, Warrenton, 30 years and A.G. Willcox Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield, 20 years.

Randolph EMC, Asheboro - T. Harold Terry of Rt. 1, Siler City, 25 years.

Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro - J.C. Thompson of Rt. 3, Mt. Gilead, 25 years and A.J. Riggan Jr. of Hamlet, 20 years.

Roanoke EMC, Rich Square - Harbie C. Martin of Rt. 1, Jackson, 20 years.

Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville - J.J. Grimsley of Farmville, and Mark Mozingo of Rt. 2, Farmville, both 20 years.

Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton - Herbert K. Midgett of Rodanthe, 20 years.

Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville - H.G. Phillips of Jacksonville, 15 years.

Four County EMC, Burgaw - O. Homer James of Rt. 2, Wallace and Garland P. King of Rt. 1, Teachey, both 15 years.

Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir - Oren Teague of Rt. 1, Granite Falls, 15 years.

EMC ANNUAL MEETINGS CALENDAR...



Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
June			
12	Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir	Registration: 8 a.m. Business Meeting: 10 a.m.	Watauga High School, Boone
18	Piedmont EMC, Hillsboro	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8 p.m.	Orange High School Auditorium
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16	Randolph EMC, Asheboro	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting; 8 p.m.	Lee J. Stone Stadium

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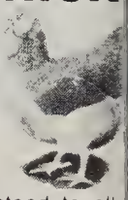
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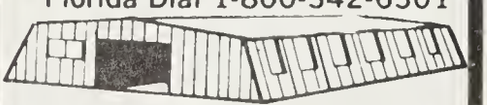
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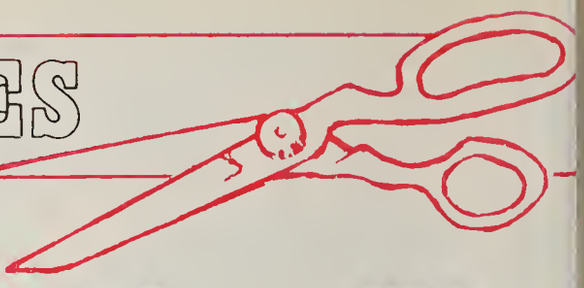
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Submitted by Mrs. Annie Thomas of Red Springs

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2 sticks butter
½ C. shortening
2 C. sugar
1 C. eggs (4 or 5)
3 C. plain flour
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon juice or extract
1 scant C. Seven-up

Cream butter, shortening and sugar well. Add eggs and continue beating. Add flour and Seven-up alternately, with lemon and vanilla. Pour into tube pan (or any shape pan) and bake at 325° for one hour and 10 minutes. Frost with butter or lemon frosting (powered sugar version).

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Beginning this month, folks in North Carolina and the rest of the South will have an excellent opportunity to do something spectacular that until now hasn't been within the realm of possibility for most of us: go to an honest-to-goodness World's Fair, right in our own backyard.

The going should be especially easy for Tar Heels since the fair is being staged in Knoxville, Tenn., just a short jaunt across the state line.

More than 11 million people are expected to visit the fair between now and the Oct. 31 closing date, and many of them will be from North Carolina.

Promoters say the South may never again have such an opportunity, and folks here are expected to keep that in mind as they make their travel plans for this summer and fall.

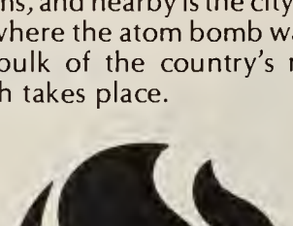
There are an estimated 20,000 motel rooms and camp sites in the Knoxville area, and another 15,000 within easy driving distance, but fair officials wish there were lots more. Rooms have been booked for months—at very high prices—and even towns many miles away are feeling the effects.

The crunch for rooms has been so great that many landlords in Knoxville have tossed out their renters—or forced them out with severe rent hikes—in order to exploit the crowds who will be hungry for a place to stay the night throughout the fair's run.

Admission to the fair is reasonably modest at $9.95 a day for adults and $8.25 a day for children. However, officials suggest a $15.95 two-day pass since it will take at least that long to get a good taste of what's there. Some folks are buying season tickets at $100 each.

"The theme, 'Energy Turns the World,' was obvious from the beginning," said Marc Grossman, the fair's director of public information. "We wanted to showcase east Tennessee as major energy center."

The facts seem to support that, since Knoxville is the headquarters of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the country's largest public utility. In addition, the University of Tennessee sponsors extensive energy research programs, and nearby is the city of Oak Ridge where the atom bomb was born and a bulk of the country's nuclear research takes place.



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Nearby is the Sunsphere, the talle free-standing building on the 72-acr fair site. The 266-foot monument ha an observation deck, lounge an revolving restaurant inside a gold gla ball. Inside walls tell the story of th sun and the earth through murals an designs.

The fair features exhibitions b various states and by countries all ove the world, as well as attractior sponsored by business, industry an others.

"In terms of international exhibitio space, it is the largest fair since 1939, Grossman said.

America's Electric Energy Exhibi Inc. (AEEE) will have the large corporate exhibit with a 12,000 square foot building on a 20,000-square-foo site next to the U.S. Pavilion. Th exhibit will show ways utilities ar working to meet the need for mor electricity through conservation, loa management and new improve technology.

AEEE, a non-profit organizatio formed especially for the fair, i composed of the American Publi Power Association (APPA), th Breeder Reactor Corporation, Edisor Electric Institute (EEI), the Genera Electric Company, TVA and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Besides the tremendous economi boom the fair means to the area Knoxville stands to gain a great deal fo its efforts. The fair's 72-acre strip wedged between the downtown district and the university campus, wa once considered a sort of no-man' land townsfolk tried their best to ignore.

Now, it is the focal point for ar agressive downtown redevelopmen program that has changed the way the city looks and operates—and for the better, according to city fathers.

Mayor Randy Tyree explained it this way: "Regardless of where you live there is a community spirit. It's either upbeat, can-do, positive or it's negative. Knoxville constantly viewed the glass as being half empty rather than half full. But the fair acted as a catalyst. It rid us of that negative attitude of 'let's not try that because we might not succeed.' "

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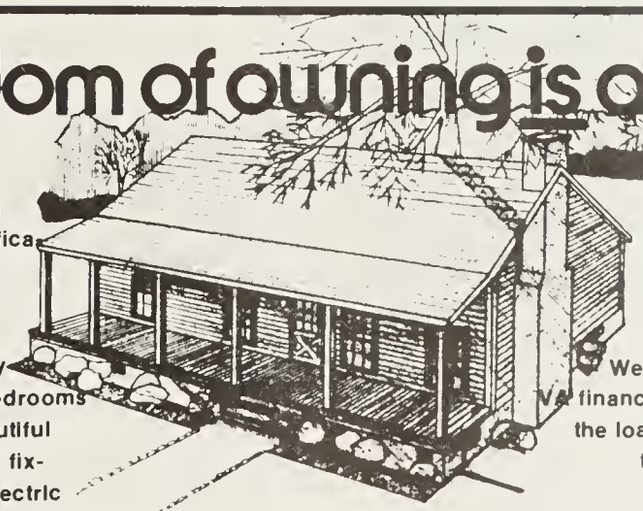
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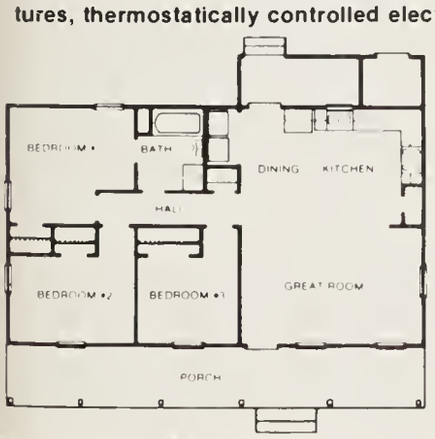
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Professional photographer William Albert Allard of Somerset, Va., snapped these shots of some of the rare wildflowers at Camassia Slopes in Northhampton County. LEFT-These flowers are mostly isopyrum biternatum. ABOVE-In this close-up are isopyrum, left, and purple larkspur.

Wildflower Haven To Be Preserved

An obscure tract of woodlands along the Roanoke River in Northhampton County, where more than two dozen rare and endangered wildflowers grow in colorful profusion, has been set aside for preservation through the efforts of a major forest products company.

Union Camp Corporation has deeded the 176-acre tract to the Nature Conservancy, a national non-profit conservation organization, for protection.

The national organization's North Carolina chapter will manage the site situated about 20 miles southeast of Roanoke Rapids, as a "field laboratory" for educational and research projects.

Plans call for the group to prepare a complete inventory of the plant species growing there and to monitor the wildflower populations from season to season.

The land is known as Camassia Slopes, taking its name from the camassia scilloides or wild hyacinth that's found there in abundance. The species is ordinarily found west of the Appalachians in Midwestern river valleys and praries.

About 500 of the plants have been found at Camassia Slopes, which represent at least 95 percent of the known plants in North Carolina, according to officials of the N.C. Natural Heritage Program. About 15 of them have been found at a site in Vance County.

Other rare species found in the area are James' sedge, eastern wahoo, sessile trillium, wild blue phlox, purple larkspur and three-bird orchid.

In addition, Camassia Slopes is a breeding ground for five species of birds that are endangered or threatened in the state.

Union Camp, which manages 1.7 million acres of woodlands in six Southeastern states, is entitled to the normal deduction from taxable earnings for the donation. The land has an appraised value of about $130,000.

The preservation of Camassia Slopes is the first step in a joint, long-range effort by the state and the Nature Conservancy, to protect the environment of the Roanoke River basin. As a flood plain forest, the area harbors a wide variety of rare plant and animal species.

Union Camp donated the land as part of its Corporate Land Legacy Program, established in 1975 to identify and preserve tracts of specia ecological or historical significance among its woodlands holdings.

The company's largest land donations have been: 50,000 acres ir the Great Dismal Swamp in Virginia, which became the core around which the U.S. Department of the Interior established the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; 16,000 acres in the Okefenokee Swamp, Georgia, for incorporation into the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and 3,800 acres along North Carolina's Chowan Swamp for use as an environmental studies center.

The Nature Conservancy, which has 3,000 Tar Heel members, is dedicated to the preservation of ecologically significant areas and the wildlife they support. Since its founding in 1954 the organization has saved 1.9 million acres of land throughout the nation. More than 100,000 acres of this land is in North Carolina.

This Merrill Lynch Has Eyes On Woods —Not Wall Street

Merrill Lynch of Raleigh would have no identification problem at all if he were a smooth-talking stockbroker wearing an expensive three-ece suit.

His very name conjures up images of the sophisticated usinessman who spends his days on lucrative stock arket wheeling and dealing.

As it is, this Merrill Lynch is a bearded biologist and rdwatcher with far more interest in the North Carolina oods than in the latest trading reports from Wall Street.

The North Carolina State University zoology graduate a part-time "inventory specialist" with the N.C. Natural eritage Program, a division of the N.C. Department of atural Resources and Community Development.

In that capacity, he has discovered all sorts of rare ndangered and out-of-place plant species growing in e Eastern region of the state—including the state's only own populations of camassia scilloides, or wild acinth.

He discovered the blue wildflower, which is ordinarily und only west of the Appalachians, in two locations, t by far the largest population was on Camassia Slopes ong the Roanoke River in Northampton County.

Lynch had known the area from his early days of aming the woods, fields and riverbanks near his native oanoke Rapids.

"I started out principally as a birdwatcher," he says. But then I got interested in plants and mammals, soils d geology—the whole thing."

He's still an avid birdwatcher: His firey red Toyota ckup displays a National Audubon Society window cal and a license plate reading SHRIKE. "It's one of my vorite birds," he explains.

Because of his interests and his familiarity with the oanoke River basin, Lynch proved to be just what the atural Heritage Program needed when he signed on th the program in 1979.

The program was seeking someone to survey the ttomland hardwood forests along the river, according Julie H. Moore, a botanist for the program.

"Sportsmen have known about the Roanoke for years, t, except for fish biologists, scientists seem to have ipped over it," she said.

Hiring Lynch to handle the job "was the best money e ever invested," she added.

Using his boyhood experiences in the area and aerial notographs and topographic maps, Lynch quickly cused his studies on the site now known as Camassia opes.

When he found yellow buckeye, a Smoky Mountains ecies, growing there he knew he was onto something ecial.

The spot wasn't typical of the region's bottomland rdwood forests, exhibiting the sort of woods you ight find in the upper Piedmont, the Smokies or the hio River Valley.

On that first afternoon in March, 1979, he found veral interesting plant populations and communities, cluding an extensive growth of sessile trillium, a plant that hadn't been found in North Carolina since it was first reported in 1885.

He also found acres of another plant so rare as to be classified as endangered in the state: isopyrum biternatum, false rue-anemone.

It was on a second visit that Lynch came upon the star of the place, camassia scilloides. On that trip, he was accompanied by two graduate students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and their professor, the eminent botanist Dr. Albert E. Radford.

At the time, Camassia Slopes was the only known location of the plant in North Carolina. Since then, Lynch has discovered a tiny, second population of abo 15 plants along the Tar River in Vance County.

Camassia Slopes is still the only known location of t plant in the Atlantic Coastal Plain.

Wild hyacinth is not, in itself, a rare or endangered plant. In its normal range, west of the Appalachians, from Pennsylvanis west to Iowa and Oklahoma, it is fai common in the right habitat.

But in North Carolina, wild hyacinth is extremely rare and is considered an endangered "disjunct," because it is so widely separated from its normal range.



To anyone but a specialist Camassia Slopes might not look like anything special during most of the year. But in late March and early April, anyone who knows his way around a wildflower field guide would surely discover at least something unusual.

Most of the flowering plants—wild hyacinth, false rue-anemone, sessile trillium, blue phlox, baby blue-eyes—are spring ephemerals. After they blossom in the spring, they disappear entirely or their green leaves are hidden by the rank growth of more common summer plants.

The presence on Camassia Slopes of so many rare, endangered, or "disjunct" species—two dozen or more—isn't merely accidental. The soils and underlying geology differ from those of the rest of the Carolina Coastal Plain, enabling the area to support species one normally associates with the same geological formations and habitats in the Piedmont, mountains, or Middle West. Isopyrum, for example, is most abundant in Illinois

In spring, the wildflower display on the site is spectacular, with almost 100 percent groundcover, but the area's significance extends far beyond the beauty.

Camassia Slopes is one of 20 top priority sites identified for preservation along the Roanoke River by the Natural Heritage Program. They include bald cypress swamps, beach ridges, and slope communities—all different components of the flood plain's entire ecosystem.

"This is the best example, though, of this unique ecosystem," says Merrill Lynch, "and it represents the first step in trying to preserve the whole system rather than just one little piece of it."

Winter Morning/Gray Fox



Carolina Country is now offering prints of the striking oil painting, *Winter Morning/Gray Fox,* which appeared on the cover of the March issue.

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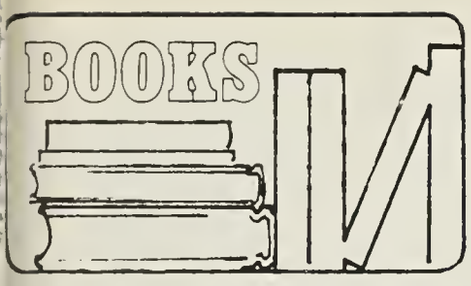
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Old Sparta Press is evidently the creation of Charles S. Edwards for the specific purpose of publishing this book of North Carolina memoirs. Its mailing address is P.O. Box 6363, Raleigh, 27628.

Most folks who have lived in North Carolina any length of time recognize that the title of this dandy volume is a familiar expression, implying a mixture of disbelief with some actual credence.

This is a book of humor. But it is not so much a collection of knee-slappers as a journey in nostalgia, a series of tales about real people the author has known in his years from boyhood at Old Sparta itself right on up to his work as a Recorder's Court judge in Farmville, a student at E.C.T.C. (now East Carolina University), a soldier boy in World War II and a person of importance in several Raleigh bureaus of government.

So we learn that even though Judge Edwards convicted a man and punished him for speeding, the dignified elderly culprit palmed off a 20-pound country ham on Edwards' wife in appreciation. Then there was the lady accused of bootlegging who escaped jail by bringing her baby to court—and demonstrating that she was the infant's only source of nourishment.

The author is at least something of a name-dropper. So he flies to the Caribbean with a planeload of folks including Lula Belle and Scotty (Wiseman) of Avery County, who sang their brand of country music as the DC-3 winged south.

Other "names dropped" include Governors Gregg Cherry, Luther Hodges, Bob Scott and Terry Sanford. In fact, as mayor of Farmville, the author had a Sanford-Kennedy Day just before Sanford became governor and John Kennedy was elected president in the close 1960 national election.

Bill Sharpe, the state publicist who later owned and edited *The State* magazine, gave Governor Cherry the idea of creating Honorary Tar Heels, a title bestowed only on out-of-state eminences who made a tangible contribution to North Carolina and its reputation.

The stories are too numerous to mention. But they do include an evening at Emerald Isle when the group enjoyed a lot of bourbon and a lot of shrimp. Only later did they discover that the shrimp had never been cooked. Then there is the good 'un about the lady who got a live mouse in the cleavage of her rather prominient bosom. The author tells of the time his daddy bought a slightly used Model T Ford that turned out to be stolen—and was reclaimed by the sheriff. His Aunt Minnie rode the train all the way to New York City—but when she was told that it went under the Hudson River she wished she'd never made the trip.

Two special credits deserve mention. This pleasant volume is well-illustated with sketches done by David Moffett, and it has an introduction by Attorney General Rufus Edmisten.

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No More Dick And Jane

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The series, published by Chicago's Scott-Foresman Publishers from 1927 to 1973, has been replaced by a wide range of new introductory reading materials offering a greater challenge to today's young minds, according to Mary Purnell, a special assistant in elementary education with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

"You know, children never did talk that way," she said, "but there weren't any other materials available at the time."

The famous fictional siblings were brought to mind by a piece in *Writers Digest* about Zerna Sharp, the Indiana teacher who created the Dick and Jane characters. She died last year at the age of 91.

Starting in 1924, Sharp was a reading consultant for Scott-Foresman, visiting schools in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

She became disturbed that the children didn't like their textbooks and weren't reading well. As a result, she persuaded her company to develop a new primer for children. She and a team of assistants were assigned to do just that, but soon found themselves stymied.

Sharp took a day off and went to the beach, where she listened to the children playing around her. That's when she was inspired by the idea for the Dick and Jane books, featuring short sentences and a limited number of words.

"I decided that the trouble with children not being able to read was that they were given too many new words at a time," she recalled in a 1977 interview.

Sharp never actually wrote any of the books, but she selected the characters' names and outlined the writing format for them. The plots were patterned after those of other children's books of that era.

The formula called for each page of a book to feature only one new word. Every three pages, all the words would be used together. Each story would contain no more than five or six different words.

The books were an immediate success, with others flowing into the publisher's office from all over the country.

Dick and Jane themselves—as well as Jane's baby sister, Sally—soon began to get letters from school children who believed the threesome actually existed.

Zerna Sharp never married but throughout her lifetime, she referred to Dick and Jane as her "children." That may explain why she was so crushed by the publisher's decision to "kill" the characters in 1973.

Scott-Foresman dropped the series because of pressure from women's groups, who claimed that Jane and Mother were shown as stereotypically submissive females, and other groups, who argued that low-income children couldn't relate to the affluent life of Dick and Jane.

"Those things never bother the children" snapped Sharp. "That's all an adult's viewpoint."

The Tooth Fairy And A Raised Consciousness

If our five-year-old is typical of today's little "Janes," maybe it's just as well that they'll be introduced to a new kind of primary reading material.

Chances are, Melissa would have quickly questioned why Jane and Sally weren't leading the playground pack instead of following Dick's lead in those primer adventures.

Her perspective on such things came across to us loud and clear recently when we had our first experience with the Tooth Fairy.

After several days of excitement about her first "loose tooth," she lost it on a Friday only to lose its next-door neighbor two days later.

As I eyed the two stacks of quarters the Tooth Fairy had delivered, I recalled the nickel-and-dime rewards that I'd found under my pillow on such occasions.

I spoke to Melissa about the Tooth Fairy's generosity, saying "He certainly was good to you, wasn't he?"

"Oh, Daddy," she said, impatiently. "Don't you know he's a SHE!"

How 'Bout Dem Heels

Carolina's sweet victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament has been the subject of untolled reams of news media copy and commentary. I know, because I've joyously soaked up every bit of it I could!

The best of the lot, it seems to me came from Pete Axthelm of *Newsweek*, who held up the UNC-Georgetown championship game as an example of how good collegiate basketball can be—despite the hoopla over tactics and possible cheating by coaches.

"What they produced," he wrote, "was a game that put cheating and stalling and every other problem in proper perspective. It was a game of drama and dignity in which even the crucial mistake was more poignant than pathetic. A game to be held aloft through the most troubled sporting times."

He added: "In a night of artistry and hustle, strategy and courage, everyone was a winner."

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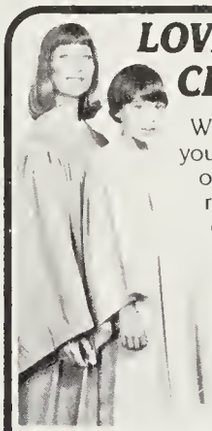
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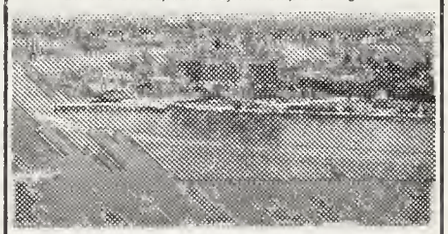
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